

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 03-07-08**

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For Work Week Commencing: July 7, 2003  
Commission Meeting: July 8, 2003, 9:00 a.m.

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**9:00 a.m. Weekly Scheduling** (Commission Conference Room)

**9:30 a.m. Business** (Bollinger Room)

**Public Comments**

**Action Items** All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. Qwest Communications                      Docket No. N2003.6.81                      (Scott)

On June 19, 2003, Qwest filed tariff transmittal 03-16, which introduces new option B for Integrated T1 service. This option will provide up to 12 channels of advance voice channel and up to 12 channels of frame relay dedicated digital access on the same DS1 Circuit. Option B will be available as a 1 year option.

2. Qwest Communications                      Docket No. N2003.6.78                      (Scott)

On June 16, 2003, Qwest filed tariff transmittal 03-15, Federal Telephone Assistance Plan (TAP) credit increase. This filing is the fourth phase of the

Coalition For Affordable Local And Long Distance Services (CALLS) order that was released on May 31, 2000. Included in the FCC filing is an increase to the residence subscriber line charge. The subscriber line charge increases from \$6.00 to \$6.50. The purpose of this filing is to increase the Federal Telephone Assistance Plan credit (ASGFX) from \$6.00 to \$6.50 (total Lifeline support amount from \$9.50 to \$10.00) to offset the \$.50 increase in the residence subscriber line charge.

**Work Sessions** All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. D2003.2.22 – Qwest – Motion for Reconsideration. (7/8/03)
2. N2003.7.88 – Qwest Policy for Application of Its Trouble Isolation Charge. (7/8/03)
3. D2003.3.34 – Southern Montana Telephone – Local Service Rates. (7/8/03)
4. N2003.3.38 – Central Montana Communications – Directory Assistance. (7/8/03)
5. N2003.6.71 – Utility Services – Application for Natural Gas Supplier License. (7/8/03)
6. D2003.7.86 - NorthWestern Energy – Annual Avoided Cost Compliance Filing. (7/8/03)
7. D2003.6.77 – NorthWestern Energy - Electric Default Supply Tracker Filing. (7/8/03)
8. D2003.2.25 – NorthWestern Energy – Requested Findings for EWG Status for Milltown Dam. (7/8/03)
9. D2002.11.140 and D2003.6.66 – NorthWestern Energy – 2002/2003 Gas Tracker and 2003/2004 Gas Tracker. (7/8/03)
10. D2003.6.76 and D2003.6.85 – PSC, Touch America, NorthWestern Energy - Implementation of HB 337 (House Moving), Review of Costs Filed to Date. (7/8/03)
11. Out-of-State Travel – To Be Approved. (7/8/03)
12. BDV 2002-397 (PSC D2000.2.21) – PSC – PSC v. Qwest. (7/8/03)

1:30 Zoot Presentation – Fuel Cell, QF, Etc. (7/8/03)

**Other Meetings**

**July 9, 2003, 10:00 a.m. – Ramifications of Public Utility Bankruptcy**

**July 10, 2003, 9:00 a.m. – HB 641 Roundtable (Bollinger Room)**

**July 11, 2003, 9:00 a.m. – D2002.12.153 – QLD – Additional Issues**

Weekly Scheduling – Will be held at 9:00 a.m. on the day of the Commission Meeting

**Notice Items** All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda. Public comments on a noticed matter may also be submitted within the required time through the PSC's web-based comment form at <http://psc.state.mt.us/PublicComment/PublicComment.htm>. Comments should reference the docket number of the matter.

1. Arizona Public Service D2003.6.70 (Will)

On June 6, 2003, Arizona Public Service filed an application for a license to offer and sell retail electricity supply services to commercial and industrial customers in NorthWestern Energy's service territory.

**Information Items** All items identified below are for information only.

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

D2003.6.85 – NorthWestern Energy - House Bill 337 Line Moving Charges

D2003.7.86 – NorthWestern Energy – 2003 Annual Avoided Cost Compliance Filing

D2003.7.87 – People of the State of Montana - Petition for Rate Refund

N2003.7.88 – Qwest – Trouble Isolation Charge (TIC) Application